

This week - we're looking at the everyday grace of Kindness. Last week we talked about forgiveness and most people will say that forgiveness is hard and that we can't do it without help! But when we get to KINDNESS - most people will say - I'm reasonably kind. It's not that hard. Not very many people think they have trouble being kind. It's hard to find someone who says - "Yeh, I'm an unkind person."

So why does Paul think KINDNESS is so important that he mentions it specifically in his writing to the Christians in Corinth and Ephesus? What's so hard about kindness?

I read an article by a movie critic in which he said that many actors get to a place in their career that they want to play characters who are simply purely kind and good. He also said those movies tend to be really bad! He went on to say something that got me thinking - he said, "Actors forget how hard it is to make extreme goodness - dramatically interesting." Maybe Paul gives kindness significance because it's easy to be artificially kind but real kindness requires a SHIFT?

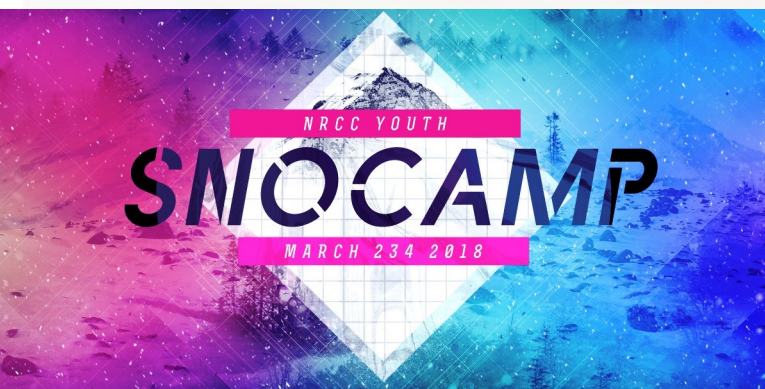
Sunday morning - we're looking at how a Supernatural grace changed heart shows itself in living out kindness. You can check out Paul's words in [Ephesians 4:29-5:2](#) Hope to see you then!

Church Events

- * Jan 21: Pot luck & Elder update after service
- * Jan 27: Man UP
- * Jan 30: Women's connect and grow

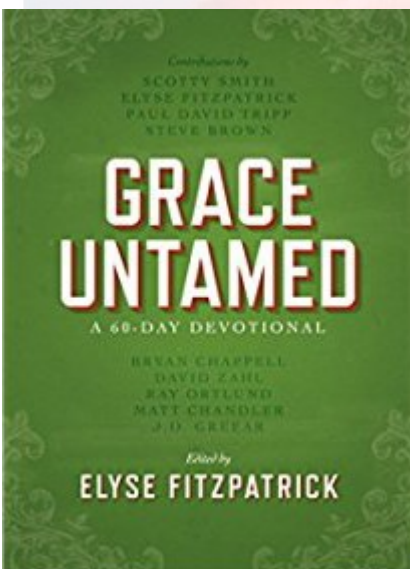
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – POT-LUCK LUNCH AND INFORMATION MEETING

For some time now, the elders have been engaged in a process of discernment about a possible change of denomination for the church. It has become a priority to better align our church beliefs regarding the role of women in leadership, with denominational beliefs. Following the gathering on Sunday, January 21, we would like to provide an opportunity for the elders to share our journey with you, and to hear from you through a time of discussion. Please plan to bring a dish that can be shared for lunch and ask God for his leading in our time together.



Youth Winter SNOcAMP March 2-4, 2018:

We're excited about the possibility of heading away for a great weekend adventure with tons of other young people at Muskoka Woods! It's a great weekend to enjoy all of what Muskoka Woods has to offer while also being immersed in worship and teaching from God's word. Snocamp can be a major highlight for our year! The cost is \$155 and we'll be carpooling! We need to know how many young people are in for the SNOcAMP Adventure - so please let Kelly Martin know asap so we can book our spaces!!



There is a great 60 Day Devotional that is fits as a nice companion to our SHIFT series! It's called Grace Untamed and features short inspiring reminders to focus our thoughts on the difference that God's grace has made and makes everyday! You can purchase it from [Amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.ca) and if you have a Kindle or the Kindle app - then it's just \$2.99!



CONNECT CARDS:

Church is a people who God's love and grace are changing! We get to be a large family! Families communicate the important stuff that's happening in their lives often around a dinner table! We'd love to celebrate, support and pray for one another when we hear about what's happening.

One way to do that is with the Connect Card. Think of it as the family dinner table in convenient card form! You can pick one up any time and place it in the offering plate on a Sunday or the Connect Card box

Praise & Prayer:

- Many of you have been praying for pastor Ken Straven - the pastor at Royal York Baptist Church after his diagnosis with stage 4 lung cancer. We can praise God that physically Ken's body has been responding well to the treatments at this time. He is feeling stronger. However after much prayers & reflection the new year has brought he and his wife Emily to a new decision that in order to focus on his health and having the best quality of life, they have been led to step away from pastoring Royal York Baptist Church and are trust God for a less stressful position within which to serve in the church planting arena. So please continue to pray for Ken's health and for his family's transition to a new place of ministry.



- Please remember Christine Gerber as she left Friday to fly to Trinidad to be with her family and celebrate the life of her brother Willy who passed away last week. Pray for strength as she ministers to and helps with the celebration of life at the funeral.
- Continue praying for Gail and Doug Lister's daughter - Kelly, as she continues on bedrest at the hospital expecting the birth of her baby. She has made it to 35 weeks now but will be induced next week.
- Ben Adams is a 37 year old father of four little girls who's parents Arn & Elaine Adams attend Caledon Hills Fellowship Church. Ben was involved in a head-on collision on January 4th. The situation is critical but he is stable in Sunnybrook hospital. There have been some encouraging signs so please continue to remember Ben, his family and parents.
- Please continue to pray for Gloria and Gerald Bannon as Gloria continues her treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- Giovanna Heron's father begins radiation treatment for prostate cancer in Florida. Pray also for strength for Giovanna.
- ♦ Hugh Caldwell, a friend of the Kennedy and Redlich families has been diagnosed with stage 3 colorectal cancer and is currently receiving chemotherapy. Please ask God to give Hugh and his wife Sharon strength for the days ahead as he has been told the next 2 weeks will see the side affects of the chemo begin to take effect.